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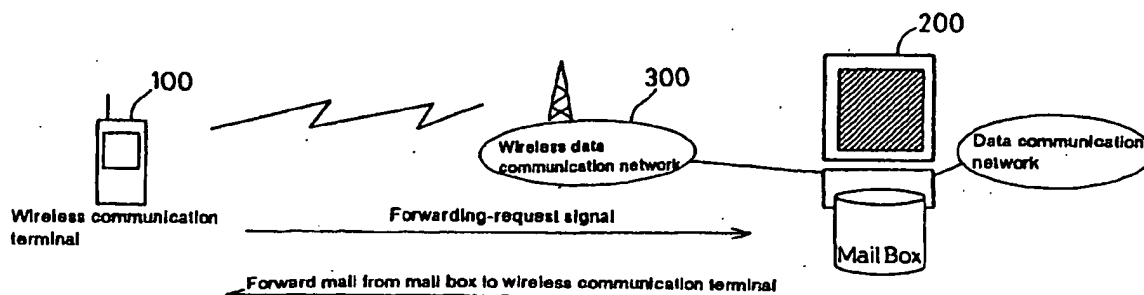
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**(54) Electronic mail forwarding system**

(57) An electric mail forwarding system between a mail communication terminal and a portable-type wireless communication terminal is disclosed. The mail communication terminal serves to receive an electric mail via a data communication network. The wireless communication terminal serves to transmit a forwarding-request signal for the electric mail to the mail communication terminal via a wireless data communication network. The mail communication terminal includes: a

mail box for storing the received electric mail; a forwarding-request signal recognizing section for receiving the forwarding-request signal transmitted from the wireless communication terminal and for recognizing additional information contained in the forwarding-request signal; and a wireless data communication processing section for sequentially forwarding the electric mail to the wireless communication terminal based on the recognized forwarding-request signal.

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